

Ranchers find America's love for the cowboy is souring

By John Woestendiek
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TWO GUNS, Ariz. — The TV weatherman was doing it again. He was blocking all of Arizona and most of Nevada. Utah was nowhere in sight. It was as if the West was good for one thing — a place for network weather forecasters to stand during the morning talk shows as they rambled on about the weather in the rest of the country.

"Damn it, he does that every time," Jack Metzger said, steam rising from his coffee cup as he sat in the cookhouse on his cattle ranch.

Like most mornings lately at the Flying M Ranch, this one was getting off to a bad start. Some cattle had wandered into a canyon. There were more chores to be done than ranch hands to do them. The cookhouse was cookless. Elk had ravaged another grazing area. In the news, animal-rights activists were comparing meat-eaters to a Milwaukee serial killer. And, once the weatherman finally got his rear end out of the way, there was no sign of rain.

"Damn it," Metzger said again.

On 90,000 acres of high desert southeast of Flagstaff, Ariz. — land not entirely conducive to cattle raising, land that he only partly owns, land that the American public increasingly seems to want his kind off — Metzger is trying to hold together a fourth-generation family business that he fears won't make it to the fifth.

America's love affair with the cowboy is souring, and the myth of the West has lost some of its luster.

As Metzger hears it, the chorus against his kind seems to be growing louder. Last year, it was "No more moo in '92." This year, it's "Cattle free by '93." The slogans and deadlines change, but not the goal: removing cattle from public lands in the West.

There are better places than the arid West to raise cattle. And overgrazing in the last century, studies have shown, has turned vast amounts of Western land — much of it public — into useless desert. On top of that, critics say, the destruction has been subsidized by American taxpayers.

"People may still love us. We're still a lovable character and part of the American mystique. But do they

trust us?" Metzger asked himself, pushing a pinch of snuff under his lip before answering. "No. They don't trust us at all."

Fearing what may come, Metzger, 43, has put the Flying M into a holding pattern. He has cut his spending, holding off on projects and repairs, and has pared his staff to a minimum. He has sunk \$25,000 — about half of what his ranch will make this year — into the livestock industry's fight against a proposed quadrupling of federal grazing fees, an increase that he says would put him out of business.

The cattle business, subject to the whims of Mother Nature and the marketplace, has always had its ups and downs. But today, Western ranchers, particularly those such as Metzger who graze their cattle on public land, face a combination of threats that pose what may be their most severe challenge ever.

At issue are 270 million acres of publicly owned range land in the West.

Most of it comes under the jurisdiction of two federal agencies, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, which together act as landlords for roughly a third of the land in the West, determining how many cattle can be grazed, trees can be logged, mines can be dug and oil wells can be drilled.

To about 27,000 Western cattle and sheep ranchers — some more than others — that land is a lifeline. To a growing number of environmentalists, it is a place where native wildlife should not have to compete with cattle, an alien species, for forage. To millions more, the land represents a place to hunt, fish, hike, camp, observe nature or drive four-wheel-drive vehicles.

"Raising cattle in the West makes about as much sense as growing citrus in Alaska," said Jim Fish, son of a rancher and founder of the Public Lands Action Network, formed last year to halt public land ranching.

"It may take awhile, but they're history. Once the public becomes aware of the damage and the cost to taxpayers, it's not going to put up with them. These ranchers need to find something else to do for a living. The game is up."

Those discouraging words make Metzger's family feel as if they're in the middle of a showdown over land that their forefathers had been welcomed to.

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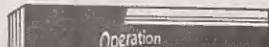
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500 cowboys relive a little of Old West

By Jerry Spangler
Deseret News staff writer

As the horses stomped their feet in anticipation, you could almost hear the theme song from "Rawhide" wafting through the air: "Roll 'em, roll 'em, roll 'em, Keep them dogies rollin'."

But this wasn't a scene out of some Old West movie. Nor was there a herd of Texas Longhorns being pushed down a dusty trail to market.

It was the annual buffalo roundup on Antelope Island State Park — an event that has mushroomed in popularity. This year's roundup kicked off Saturday morning when an estimated 500 volunteer riders, braving subfreezing temperatures, began moving some 600 bison from the south end of the island to the north end.

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PHOTOGRAPHY/ GARY MCKELLAR

A few of the 500 volunteers begin the task of rounding up buffalo on Antelope Island State Park.



councils. Among the more interesting council races:

1. WEST VALLEY CITY

Two councilwomen are running for one seat. Janice Fisher has two years remaining on her term representing the city's west district, but she decided to challenge incumbent Margaret Peterson in a city-wide race. Peterson accuses Fisher of using this election as an exploratory campaign for a mayoral bid in 1993. Fisher says she can serve all residents of the city as effectively as she now serves her own quarter of the city. The other two council races have incumbents running unopposed.

2. PROVO

Several candidates have turned council races into a referendum on Mayor Joe Jenkins and his allies on the council. Council Chairman Steve Clark ran second in the primary election for his seat, trailing Shari Holweg. Two years ago Holweg, a disgruntled city employee, ran third in the mayoral primary, then ran a write-in campaign in the November election. This year, she leads a group of "it's-time-for-a-change" candidates, most of whom ran well in the primary last month.

3. SALT LAKE CITY

All three City Council races are generating a little more than the usual interest.

Seeking to succeed Wayne Horrocks, who wants to run for state Senate next year, are Ted Milner, the young vice president of an architectural firm, and Paul Hutchison, a retired grocer and longtime west-side activist.



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wearing a gray skirt and suit jacket, saying she hadn't thought much about the weather.

At a radio debate that morning, she candidly admitted she can't remember the last book she read. When she has a spare moment, she said, she tries to catch up on reading current-events magazines.

"Yesterday, I needed to unwind," she said after the debate. "I decided to rent some movies, something funny."

She saw "Uncle Buck" and "Airplane II." She described the interlude as a nice change of pace, but she isn't likely to see too many more movies during the campaign.

Despite her background in the private world of business, Corradini said she was prepared for the public life of a mayoral candidate. She anticipated the rumors and the questions about her personal life.

"That is the hardest part — the sacrifice in terms of my personal life," she said. "That's one of the reasons I waited until my kids grew up before running for office. But I think I have my eyes open about what's involved. I thought about it before I ran."

Corradini is familiar with public service. A lifelong Democrat, she was press secretary to Rep. Wayne Owens, D-Utah, during his first term in Congress, and later she was special assistant to Rep. Richard Ot-



DEEDEE CORRADINI

Favorite book: "The Grapes of Wrath," by John Steinbeck.

Favorite movie: "Doctor Zhivago."

Clubs or organizations you belong to: Salt Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Fellows for Southern Utah University, Utah Partnership for Education and Economic Development, Utah Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I was one of the first women invited to join the Alta Club.

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Black and Indian gunfighters noted

By ROBERT G. WIELAND
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Two of the toughest gunfighters in the Indian Territory a century ago were from Texas, and both were black.

"Indian Territory was the wildest of the Wild West," said author Arthur T. Burton, dean of multicultural affairs at Loyola University in Chicago.

"Black, Red and Deadly: Black and Indian Gunfighters of the Indian Territory, 1870-1907," is a highly detailed look at the subject of black gunfighters. Burton makes the book entertaining by liberally quoting newspaper accounts from the period.

"With the arrival of gamblers, prostitutes, whisky peddlers and

John L. Warfield an associate professor of educational psychology and African-American studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

The dominant Euro-American culture felt threatened by any movement to give validity to the humanity of minority group members who had been oppressed, he said.

Warfield said the United States is now able to absorb information about minority history that may contradict earlier stereotypes.

Burton recalls seeing a 1930s Western musical called "Harlem on the Prairie." But what sparked his interest to do further research was hearing stories about black cowboys while visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Burton searched libraries for old newspapers and the rare book that documented the role of blacks in the Old West.

Among the baddest of the black outlaws he found was Crawford Goldsby, also known as Cherokee Bill. He was hanged after murdering 13 men before he was 20 years old, Burton said. Goldsby was born in 1876 at Fort Concho, Texas, son of a black soldier in the U.S. 10th Cavalry, known as Buffalo Soldiers.

"Cherokee Bill ... was a burly, broad-shouldered man possessing great physical strength. Only the color of his skin revealed his Indian blood; his features were distinctly Negroid," Burton wrote.

Bill got on the wrong side of the law in 1894, when he was 18. He severely wounded a man who had bested him in a fistfight.

During his short but bloody career, Bill was a bank robber, train robber and once killed a man in a dispute over some hogs.

He was executed in 1895 at Fort Smith, Ark., for the 1894 murder of a man wallpapering a restaurant next to a general store he was robbing in Lenapah, Okla.

A painter named Ernest Melton had stopped his work and glanced out a window overlooking the adjacent general store. He had the bad luck to observe Cherokee Bill, Winchester in hand.

"Enraged at the painter's audacity in spying on him, he threw his rifle to his shoulder and slapped a shot at Melton that pierced his brain and killed him instantly," Burton said.

He was captured after a freed slave agreed to set a trap for a share of the \$1,300 reward offered



AP Laserphoto

Arthur T. Burton poses with his book "Black, Red and Deadly: Black and Indian Gunfighters of the Indian Territories, 1870-1897"

While Bill was visiting, Rogers bashed him over the head with a fire poker at his first opportunity.

"I must have hit him hard enough to kill an ordinary man but it only knocked him down," Rogers told reporters at the time. Bill was finally bound and turned over to federal marshals who took him to Fort Smith for trial.

He became one of 88 men sentenced to be executed by U.S. District Judge Isaac Charles Parker, known as the "hanging judge" of Fort Smith. Seventy-nine death sentences were carried out.

Parker's court was at one end of the legal system for the Indian Territory. The other end included roaming deputy U.S. marshals such as Bass Reeves and Indian police such as Sam Sixkiller.

It is believed Reeves was born a slave near Paris, Texas, in 1838. He became a deputy U.S. marshal in 1875.

"His ability with firearms is legendary, so much that he was barred regularly from competition in turkey shoots that were common to the local fairs and picnics of the territory," Burton said.

He would stop for water at the home of the infamous Belle Starr

located near present-day Eufaula, Okla.

"Bass Reeves here is one of the few deputy marshals I trust," Starr remarked to visitors in 1888.

Burton said that Reeves insisted that he never started a fight nor drew first blood, even though he was involved in 14 fatal shootings during his three decades as federal deputy. Reeves died a natural death in 1910 in Muskogee, Okla., where he had served on the police force although he was more than 70 years old.

Before federal officers ventured into Indian Territory, the tribes formed their own police unit called "lighthorse."

These patrols only had authority within the tribal units, so a territorial police force was formed in 1880 by the United States Agency for the Five Civilized Tribes and Burton says Capt. Sam Sixkiller was another of the good guys.

A 1930s Western musical — "Harlem on the Prairie" — and stories about black cowboys from relatives in Oklahoma sparked Burton's research.

drifters who lived by the gun, criminal violence (in the Territory) took a drastic leap upward," Burton said. At the time, local law-enforcement agencies were nonexistent.

The Indian Territory, originally most of present-day Oklahoma, was carved out by the U.S. government in 1830 to house the Indians who had been removed from their homes East of the Mississippi River.

In 1870, the Territory's population was about 68,152, mostly Indians. That number included 6,378 blacks and 2,407 whites. There were no white settlements, but five black towns had been established.

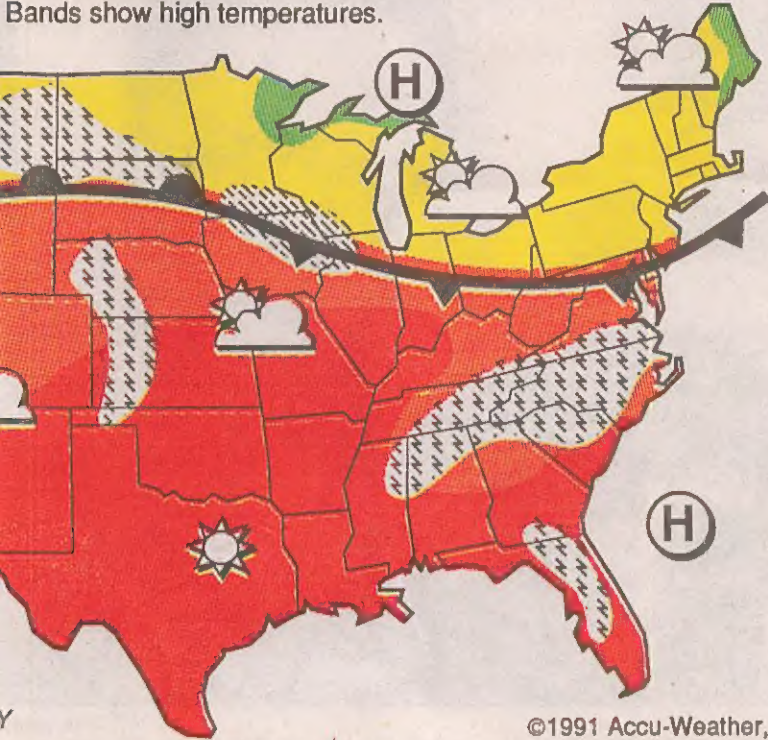
Most of the blacks had been slaves owned by the Indians and brought west in the 1830s. After 1865, the slaves became free men.

Burton says he wrote the book because he grew up believing that there were no black cowboys, a historical fact that had been omitted from high school and college texts.

For a variety of reasons the

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Area Outlook

UTAH

■ **STATEWIDE:** Fair to partly cloudy through Sunday. Breezy at times. Highs in the 80s to mid-90s. Lows mostly in the upper 40s to mid-60s.

■ **SALT LAKE, OGDEN AND PROVO:** Saturday fair to partly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid-80s. Breezy at times. Saturday night fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Sunday fair to partly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid-80s. Breezy at times.

IDAHO

■ **NORTHERN IDAHO:** Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a chance of showers and thundershowers. Highs from mid-60s to the mid-70s. Lows in the 40s and lower 50s.

■ **SOUTHWESTERN IDAHO:** Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers over the mountains and east. Highs from 75 to 85. Lows in the 40s and lower 50s.

■ **SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO:** Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a chance of showers or thundershowers mostly over the mountains. Highs in the 70s and lower 80s. Lows in 40s Saturday night.

NEVADA

■ **NORTHERN AND CENTRAL NEVADA:** Fair nights. Slight chance afternoon thunderstorms in the north otherwise mostly sunny Saturday and Sunday. Breezy afternoons. Highs from the upper 70s to the mid-80s. Overnight lows from upper 30s to 40s.

■ **SOUTHERN NEVADA:** Fair nights. Mostly sunny Saturday and Sunday. Breezy afternoons. Highs from 90 to near 105. Overnight lows from upper 50s to upper 60s.

COLORADO

■ **STATEWIDE:** Low clouds early Saturday otherwise partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms Saturday afternoon and evening. Mostly sunny Sunday with isolated thunderstorms. In the mountains and west, mostly sunny during the day with isolated afternoon thunderstorms and clear nights through Sunday. Lows through Saturday night from 50s to middle 60s with upper 30s and 40s in mountains. Highs Saturday and Sunday from 80s to middle 90s with 70s to middle 80s in mountains.

WYOMING

■ **STATEWIDE:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms in the north and east Saturday through Sunday. Thunderstorms not as numerous in the southwest through Sunday. A few showers or thunderstorms in the north and west Saturday morning with areas of low clouds, fog and possible drizzle in the southeast. Lows Saturday night from 45 to 60, from upper 30s to mid-40s in mountains. Highs Saturday and Sunday from 70 to 85, from 60 to 75 in mountains.

WASHINGTON

■ **WESTERN WASHINGTON:** Widely scattered showers Saturday through Sunday otherwise partly cloudy with slightly warmer days. Lows from upper 40s to lower 50s. Highs in the 60s to lower 70s.

■ **EASTERN WASHINGTON:** Scattered showers afternoon and evening Saturday and Sunday otherwise partly cloudy. Lows from upper 40s to lower 50s. Highs from upper 60s and 70s.

OREGON

■ **WESTERN OREGON:** Partly sunny days Saturday and Sunday after areas of morning low clouds. Chance of late afternoon showers or thunderstorms mainly in mountains. In the north, mostly cloudy through Saturday and Sunday with scattered showers mainly during afternoon and evenings. Lows from 45 to 55. Little warmer days. Highs from 60 to 65 on the coast and from upper 60s to 70s in the interior.

■ **EASTERN OREGON:** Widely scattered afternoon and nighttime showers or thunderstorms through Saturday and Sunday. Lows from mid-30s to 40s locally near 30 in higher valleys. Highs in upper 60s and 70s.

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commented and taught, said Dr. groups has only recently been do- like Rogers invited Bill's girl- friend to stay a while at his cabin.



AP Laserphoto

Rancher Dennis Stidman supplies the horsepower as ranch hand John Riley comes up on his skis on the Canadian River in Taloga, Okla.

Water-skiing cowboys at home on the river

TALOGA, Okla. (AP) — Most cowboys feel home on the range when they're sitting tall in the saddle. Some prefer horse-powered water-skiing.

"You live out here, you got to find something to do," said Jerry Cope, an oilman who provided the skis so ranch workers John Riley and Dennis Stidman could trade their boots for water skis and a horse-drawn tow rope for reins.

The sport is a good improvisation in places where lakes are sometimes scarce. Its only disagreeable moments are when skis skid into sandbars and spill the cowboys.

"You can get some strawberries on you," Stidman said, rubbing a hip.

"Pretty fun, ain't it?" Riley shouted as he and his palomino dragged a rope and skis past a sandbar that had just spilled his

skiing partner.

Riley, 30, and Stidman, 35, started combining horsemanship and water skis a few years ago after Stidman saw it done on a television soft-drink commercial.

Even though western Oklahoma's Canadian River often is more sandbar than water, Stidman figured he could duplicate the commercial.

"So I had to try her, at least," Stidman said.



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Charlie Dansie of Wasatch clenches his teeth as he prepares to throw his steer during Utah High School Rodeo Association state finals Friday. Dansie bulldogged his animal in 10.34 seconds.

Payson cowboy sits atop two categories

By BOB HUDSON
Assistant Sports Editor

HEBER CITY — Roy Brown of Payson has a good shot at being the Utah High School Rodeo Association's all-around cowboy.

"I just need to be solid, to take one thing at a time," said Brown, who rides for the South Utah County club.

Brown will be among the top 10 competitors in three events — steer wrestling, team roping and calf roping — during today's championship go-around at the state finals.

Action begins at 6 p.m. at the Wasatch County Fairgrounds.

"I probably need to do best in the bulldogging (steer wrestling)," Brown said. "That's because I will be sitting second going into the round."

Brown is sitting first in calf roping and in team roping. His teammate in the latter event is Justin McCourt of Carbon, who is also in the hunt for the title. McCourt won the second go-around in steer wrestling when he recorded a 4.71 second time Friday night.

"I need to be solid in bulldogging and hope I draw a good steer," Brown continued. "I need to do my own thing and not worry about anyone else."

Brown solidified his spot as one of the top contestants for the all-around title when he won the second go-around in calf roping Friday night. Brown captured and tied his calf in 10.73 seconds.

But, while he was moving into first in calf roping, the team of Randy Wilkins and Cricket Allen, out of the Uintah Basin, knocked

him and McCourt out of first in team roping. Wilkins and Allen recorded a 7.51 second run to outdo the 7.94 McCourt and Brown turned in Thursday.

Several competitors won the go-around on the final day. Natalie Martin of Grantsville took the breakaway roping title with a 3.7 second run. Candice Crump of Bingham won the pole bending crown with a 20.174 second run.

And, of course, there were those already mentioned — Brown in calf (See RODEO, Page B3)

r-shot lead

as a senior, has had four top 10 finishes in his last seven tournaments.

He got off to fast start Friday at the par-72, 6,540-yard Lafayette course, which he was playing for just the second time.

Three of his first five birdies were from 20 feet out or more, and all seven on the front nine dropped in dead center.

"Normally when you're making putts, you lip some in. These putts were bisecting the cup," Thompson said. "The putt fairy could have grabbed these putts and they wouldn't have gotten away."

Thompson had birdie putts lip out on two holes and left two other birdie putts just inches short. He said that after his remarkable start he was going for a sub-60 round, which carries a \$1 million prize sponsored by Hilton Hotels.

"When I was 5 under after five holes, and there's five par 5s left ... I was thinking if I just played like I'm supposed to that's 10 under. That leaves eight holes left. If I can birdie three of them, I can make a million. It really excited me because 59 was well within reach," Thompson said.

A leaderboard

165-yard 17th. She had the lead to herself after birdies at Nos. 2, 5 and 6, but she bogeyed her final hole.

"I hit an 8-iron over the green," Anderson said. "I chipped to within 5 feet, but the putt lipped the cup."

Anderson hasn't won a tournament since 1982. Her best finish this year was 24th at Rochester.

Palmer's last tour victory came in 1986. Her best finish this year, her 27th on the tour, was 24th at Atlantic City.

Palmer started with nine straight pars and then birdied five of the next seven holes.

"I just started hitting the ball closer on the back side," said Palmer, who left an eagle putt hanging on the lip at 16 after dropping birdie putts of 7 and 5 feet at 14 and 15.

Daniel had seven birdies, but also had three bogeys.

Elsewhere in the American League, it was Boston 9, California 4; Toronto 9, Baltimore 1; Chicago 9, Kansas City 3; and Texas 8, New York 4. In a late game, Detroit was at Seattle and the Oakland at Milwaukee game was delayed by rain.

In the National League it was Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 2; Montreal 2, Atlanta 1; and Houston 4, New York 1. In late games, Chicago

led off with a single and Luis

Clemens (9-3) gave up two earned runs on eight hits. He struck out seven and walked none in his third complete game.

Boston trailed 4-2 before breaking loose in the seventh, with all seven runs scoring with two outs. Jack Clark, who homered earlier, led off with a single and Luis

OPEN:

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the PGA Tour already this season, was much more confident after a 67.

"It was a lot easier, a lot more smoother and I was a lot more comfortable," said Pavin, who counted a pair of 20-foot birdie putts and a 30-foot chip among his six birdies.

"With the rain and no wind, it was quite a bit easier," said Simpson, the 1987 Open champion, who made it easier still with a outstanding putting day in a 68.

His effort included four birdies on putts of 12-15 feet, made another from 20 feet for par and saved another par with a still longer putt, perhaps 25 feet.

Fred Couples, Craig Stadler and Scott Hoch were next at 140, four under par and three behind Stewart.

McEnroe, Gilbert give U.S. 2-0 lead

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — John McEnroe weaved some of his old green magic Friday and gave the United States a 2-0 lead over Spain in one of his favorite tournaments, the Davis Cup.

McEnroe, mixing sharply placed volleys with delicate passing shots and drop shots, crushed inexperienced Tomas Caronbelli 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 on the grass of the Newport Casino on the opening day of the quarterfinals.

Brad Gilbert also took advantage of the surface to open the day with a harder 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Emilio Sanchez.

Both victories were expected, and the Americans can build an

Stadler had a 3-under-par 69, Couples shot 70 and Hoch scrambled to a 71 that included one-putts on nine of the last 10 holes.

Masters champion Ian Woosnam of Wales was another stroke back after a 68 that equalled the best of the day.

"I played myself back into the tournament," Woosnam said. "My confidence started coming back. I'm quite pleased."

Jack Nicklaus, Hale Irwin, Curtis Strange and Seve Ballesteros were considerably less pleased.

Nicklaus, 51, seeking a record fifth U.S. Open crown, fell nine strokes off the pace with a 76.

A fat 40 on the back nine cost Irwin a 75 and left him eight behind in the defense of his title.

Ballesteros, the Spanish star who was among the pre-tournament favorites, and Strange, a two-time winner of this title, both failed to qualify for the final two rounds. Ballesteros shot 77-149 and Strange 74-151.

insurmountable 3-0 lead in the best-of-5 matches if Rick Leach and Jim Pugh can continue form in doubles Saturday against Sanchez and Sergio Casal.

The reverse singles matches are Sunday.

A victory would send the defending champion Americans into the semifinals against Germany in September. The final is in December.

McEnroe, who loves to play for his country, had everything going for him. A three-time winner on the grass at Wimbledon and ranked 14th in the world, he was playing a Spaniard who seldom plays on the surface and was also making his

during a seven-run first inning, and Jose Guzman won for the first time since 1988 as the Texas Rangers beat the New York Yankees 8-4.

Huson's first major league home in 628 at-bats sent Texas to its fourth straight victory. The Rangers were swept in a three-game series at New York last weekend.

Guzman, once regarded as one of baseball's top pitching prospects, had not won since Aug. 22, 1988.

Stewart, a former PGA champion whose trademark in his habitus costume of color-coordinated plaid fours, cap and sweater, has made only one bogey in the tournament.

"I've played behind him for two days," Woosnam said, "and he's playing great."

"He's only missed three or four fairways, three or four greens, two days. If he keeps playing like that, he'll be tough to beat."

That lone bogey came on one of the two greens Stewart missed the second round.

"I may have made a mistake club selection," he said after coming up short of the eighth green with an 8-iron.

"I feel good," he said. "I'm very comfortable with the way I'm playing. I'm doing what I want to do out there."

Stewart birdied the second hole from 25 feet, then scored from the 6-8-foot range on the fifth and seventh and closed with 10 consecutive pars.

Cup debut as a substitute for injured Sergi Bruguera, No. 6 in the world.

After splitting the first four games, McEnroe was never in trouble.

"At the beginning, I felt I could play close," Carbonell said after his first-ever meeting with McEnroe. "But he started to play better and better."

"His first volley was so good, was always in trouble."

"He has many shots no one else has. He's always surprising. He waits and waits, and then hits a crosscourt shot. He plays a little magic."